



**Commanding Officer, 4th Marine Regiment  
Camp Commander, Camp Schwab**

**Policy Statement on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response**

*"To eliminate unprofessional behavior within the Marine Corps that wrongly sets conditions that enable sexual assault; to ensure due process for offenders; to provide appropriate and sensitive care for victims; and to develop programs that reduce the negative effect sexual assault has on the combat readiness of Marines, assigned Sailors and the units or commands to which they belong."*

-MCO 1752.5C Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program

**SHANGHAI TEAM**, think for a minute, who amongst your friends and relatives would fight to the death for you? Who, when asked, would lay down their life for you, risk everything in the world for you? I bet the answer would be very few, if we were perfectly honest with ourselves. Yet the Marine Corps is built on this foundation of trust, cohesion, and self-sacrifice. In combat, we fight for the person on our right and left, we fight for each other. The measure of a units fighting ability and endurance is a measure of its cohesion and trust amongst its members.

In garrison and in training, every decision and action by a small unit leader either builds trust and cohesion or tears it apart. There is no faster way to destroy cohesion and trust then through sexual assault and hazing. Not only does hazing wreck trust but it breeds resentment and vengefulness.

Sexual assault is a crime that is not unique to any gender, race, or age. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force or abuse of authority; or when the victim does not or cannot consent. All leaders and members of this Regiment and Camp will become familiar and comply with MCO 1752.5C Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program.

I will not tolerate sexual assault in any form, against any individual. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents will irreparably damage unit cohesion and has long lasting consequences to the individuals effected.

Victims will be treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect, and will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Care will be given to ensure the identity of a victim is released only to those who have a need to know (unit commander, PMO, NCIS). Victim safety is paramount at all times. Victims who chose to make a restricted report in accordance with MCO 1752.5C will have that choice honored to the fullest extent. Victims who have the courage to report must feel confident their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Marines, Sailors and Civilians who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally, and emotionally traumatized. They deserve to be treated with sensitivity and care.

Commanders and individuals in supervisory roles will ensure compliance with MCO 1752.5C and receive annual refresher training. Marine Corps Community Services (Marine and Family Programs), the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and the Regimental Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA), will assist in SAPR training responsibilities and will assist victims.

**BE READY TO STAND-IN**

  
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